



## Robert "Bob" John Drake

October 5, 1947 - November 29, 2017

Robert "Bob" John Drake, age 70, of South Haven, Michigan, passed away on November 29, 2017 at Oakwood Specialty Care and Rehabilitation Center in Albia, Iowa.

Bob was born on October 5, 1947 to Robert and Grace Drake in Glendale, California. He grew up and graduated high school in California. After graduating he joined the United States Air Force and later served his country in the United States Navy. He was a career man for the military and Bob traveled with his family to be stationed in different parts of the country.

After retiring from the United States Navy, Bob worked as a cameraman and master control operator for KCCI News in Des Moines, Iowa. He loved airplanes, lighthouses, working and spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Christopher Lee (Julie) Drake of Johnston, Iowa, Sheila Jeanette (Nate) Gibson of Nevada, Iowa and Alex (Carol) Drake of Albia, Iowa; 14 grandchildren, Sydney, Samantha, Sydney, Skylar, Saydie, Jared, Jenna, Madison, Morgan, Ethan, Averi, Ayden, Marlee and Brooklyn; one great grandchild, Talon and another great grandchild on the way; a sister-in-law, Kathlyn Drake and his caretaker whom he considered a daughter, Crystal Monacelli.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Grace; a son, Tony Drake; a granddaughter, Brooke; his brother, Steven Drake and his ex-wife, Ann Drake.

As was Bob's wish his body has been cremated and a celebration of life service will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6:00 p.m until 8:00 p.m at Brooks Funeral Home located on 7975 University Blvd., Clive, Iowa 50325. The family will be present to greet family and friends.

An open memorial has been established in Bob's name and may be directed to his family at 1045 G Ave., Nevada, Iowa, 50201.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brooks Funeral Home  
7975 University Blvd.,  
Clive, IA 50325

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ I would like to extend condolences to the family for your loss. I have found comfort in this scripture at Revelation chapter 21 verse 4. It shows that God will one day wipe out all sorrow pain and even death from the earth. May this thought give you comfort during this period of time.

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**Ronn** - March 31, 2018 at 03:04 PM

ST

“ John and I were friends during junior and high school. We shared many good times, and got in our fair share of mischief. ;- ) His name came up on Facebook and thought I would see if I could find him. So sorry that this site was where that search ended. However, it seems he had a very fulfilling life, and I am happy for him. RIP

Sincerely, Steve Rabe

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**Steve** - March 15, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ Bob Drake!! What a friend and shipmate. Bob and I were very good friends in the Navy and spent some good times along with a few not so good. I worked with Bob when he was at VAK-308 in Alameda. We kept in touch through the years and I always enjoyed seeing Bob's family and his life unfold. I can still hear him DJing country music on the ships radio station aboard the Enterprise. How he got into that I don't know but I was sweating away while listening to Bob do the thing he loved. I will miss Bob.

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**Dennis Carmody** - March 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JP

“ Chris;

So sorry for your loss. Of course, my prayers are with you and the family.

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**john Pascuzzi** - December 07, 2017 at 07:45 AM

SH

“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" John Drake



Sheila - December 04, 2017 at 02:11 PM

SA

“ We had some great laughs together at KCCI. My condolences. Losing a parent is so hard. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Steve A

Steve Agans - December 02, 2017 at 10:10 PM

KP

“ Enjoyed his humor and stories as his coworker 10 years ago. Enjoyed many shares and posts on Facebook. Proud to know a veteran and mechanic of "Century Series" fighter planes in the '60's. We shared a broad interest in military aviation over the years. Thank you for your service to this country, Bob.

Keith Partridge - December 02, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" John Drake.



December 02, 2017 at 11:39 AM

KM

“ My deepest condolences to Chris, Sheila, Alex and your children and spouses. Bob adored each and every one of you. I was honored to have been loved by him for 40 years, he was my best good friend and I will miss him deeply.

Kim Mauck - December 01, 2017 at 04:28 PM

SH

“ Sheila sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" John Drake



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**Sheila** - November 30, 2017 at 10:33 PM

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“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" John Drake



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**Sheila** - November 30, 2017 at 08:37 PM